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In Re Application of: James P. Elia)	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the instant application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following as the first paragraph at the top of page one of the specification:

-- This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/064,000, filed April 21, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/837,608, filed April 21, 1997, now abandoned, which is continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/326,857, filed October 21, 1994, now Patent No. 5,759,033, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/087,185, filed July 2, 1993, now Patent No. 5,397,235, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/053,886, filed April 27, 1993, now Patent No. 5,372,503. -- .